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## Open Clash in House Over Redistribution Is Narrowly Averted

Opponents of Government's Plan to Regroup Island Constituencies Threaten "Rough House" Tactics When Premier Attempts to Silence Criticism—Amalgamation Approved by Close Margin

## ISLAND MEMBER CALLS THE MEASURE PUBLIC SCANDAL

STRONG protest against the proposed action of the government under its plan of redistribution to wipe out the present riding of Cowichan, attaching a portion to Esquimalt and throwing the balance into the constituency of Newcastle, was made in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Mr. Kenneth Duncan, independent Liberal member for Cowichan, when the redistribution bill was being considered in the committee stage.

Mr. Duncan declared that if the government's proposal were carried out Liberalism would be dead in that district for the next generation.

Cowichan's member made one of the most forcible speeches he has ever made in the Legislature as he declared that rather than reduce rural representation it should be increased, and he held that while the government had succumbed to the protests from Victoria business men against the reduction of this city's representation from four to three and had agreed to allow the present status here to remain, the Victoria interests had no desire to see this concession paid for by Cowichan.

Mr. Duncan pointed to the fact that the Premier's original proposal had been to retain Cowichan while reducing Victoria. The select committee of the House had agreed to a committee report, and had sent it to the Premier's decision. He declared the move was nothing more or less than a public scandal and a gerrymander of the most base-faced kind, designed to wipe out non-Government members, for that was the only object he could see in the committee's recommendation.

The debate became of the "bear garden" type when Major Burde, rallying to the support of the members for Cowichan and Newcastle, after accepting the Premier's veiled challenge to turn the discussion into a "rough house," declared he regretted, and then promptly moved that the committee rise, a step which, if taken, would have meant that the committee could not sit again.

The motion of Albemarle's member was defeated, and shortly afterwards, the section amalgamating the two ridings was withdrawn in the narrowest vote so far this session, 22 to 19.

The committee rose at 8:30, after devoting almost the entire afternoon to the Cowichan-Newcastle proposal. Consideration of the other sections of the bill will be continued.

Premier in Teacher

When the House went into committee of the whole to deal with the bill, those who called it "a bad bill" there were no opponents were quickly approved, some amendment being occasioned by the Premier; assuming the role of teacher, and armed with a pointer, he outlined the proposed changes in Cormorant set forth on a large-sized map in front of Mr. Speaker's desk.

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## Nations Agree On Status of Tangier

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The agreement between the powers as to the future status of Tangier, was signed today by the British, French and Spanish delegates. Prior to the ceremony the Spanish Foreign Minister declared that he would act with the reservation that his signature be subject to the approval of his government. The plan maintains the open door at the port and provides for the protection of the interests of the foreign residents and the promotion of an international assembly in which the United States will be represented. The sovereignty of the Sultan of Morocco will be maintained through a representative called the mendoub, named by the Sultan himself, this official to have charge of the administration of the Muslim and Berber inhabitants.

## Notorious Brigand Chief Passes Out

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Mail's Tangier correspondent sends the announcement of the death of the notorious Moorish chief, Raoulili. It is suspected, according to this dispatch that Raoulili was poisoned.

Muall Ahmed Raoulili, brigand chief and former Governor of Tangier, had a picturesque career and his death has been reported several times recently. He announced his submission to Spain and gave his promise to keep the peace.

## Mussolini Will Not Consult Country

ROME, Dec. 18.—Premier Mussolini dropped another bombshell in political circles today when, in a letter to Deputy Carnaxa he stated, with reference to the holding of new elections, that he had not decided to call the country. At the time of the calling of Parliament by Royal decree on December 14, it was freely predicted that he would later ask for a decree of dissolution as a prelude to a general election.

## Three Deaths Occur In Houston Hotel Fire

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—The list of known dead stood at three tonight, with ten missing, and property damages estimated at \$400,000, as a result of the fire which destroyed the three-story Capitol Hotel this morning. Eight business houses were also damaged.

Firemen were planning to spend the night drenching the smoldering debris, which it is feared conceals the bodies of several more victims.

## PLAN TO ADOPT BEER BILL TODAY

All But Two Sections of Proposed Legislation Is Endorsed by Committee by Midnight

### "FOUNDATION VOTE" CAUSES CONTROVERSY

Right of the Province to Sell Liquor and Then Fine Men Who Get Drunk on It Is Questioned



WAR LEADER DYING  
The Duke of Alba, cousin of the King of Italy, and a favorite general in the Great War, is dying in Rome.

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## FEDERALS MARCH ON VERA CRUZ

OBREGON CAPTURES SAN MARCOS ON WAY TO PORT

Fighting Continued for Sixteen Hours When Rebels Retreated—Much Booty Taken

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 18.—Federal troops have taken San Marcos, the important strategic point between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, and are advancing toward the seaport stronghold.

Fighting for possession of San Marcos had been under way for more than sixteen hours before the rebels were forced to retreat.

The rebels captured an immense amount of ammunition, small arms, a number of cannon and several trains used by the rebel forces for transportation.

President Obregon himself is directing the Federal troops and is commanding the pursuit of the rebel forces in an effort to make the victory even more complete.

A message from General Francisco Serrano, secretary of war, expressed confidence that the rebellion would end shortly.

For Naval Battle

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 18.—The Mexican steamer Coahuila, recently seized by rebel forces, is mounting gunboats for naval encounter at Acapulco, with the rebels prepared to stand by, according to a radio message intercepted by the Radio Corporation of America here tonight. The message gave no details. Efforts were being made to get in touch with the vessel.

Plans for the Christmas tree

## Wants to Know About Profits of Banks in B.C.

An important resolution regarding banking was placed on the order paper of the Legislature last night by Mr. Tom Uphill, member for Fernie. It asks three things. First, that the provincial government inquire into Home Bank deposits; second, that the Provincial government give serious consideration to the establishment of a Provincial bank; and third, that the federal government be asked to direct an inquiry into the profits made by the banks in British Columbia, taking into consideration the amount of credit extended to citizens of the Province.

The preamble sets forth not only the grievance in respect of the Home Bank failure, but the general complaint of Westerners against centralization of banking in the East.

The Home Bank has suffered by heavy losses incurred by miners at Fernie, who had, in the aggregate, large amounts on deposit in the Home Bank when it closed its doors.

## YEAR'S DELAY FOR EIGHT-HOUR BILL

NEW LAW SLATED TO OPERATE JANUARY 1, 1925

Will Affect All Industries, But Special Provision for Overtime Will Be Allowed

JANUARY 1, 1925, is the date upon which the government's Eight-Hour Day Bill, to be introduced in the Legislature today, will become effective. It was officially stated yesterday at the Legislative Building's assembly room that the bill has been impressed by the strong representations made by business interests that if the administration is determined to bring in such a measure, the least that could be done would be to allow business time to adjust itself to the new conditions.

Opposition members claim to see in the delay the government's intention to stall the new principle over until after a general election. They point out that the Conservatives last year voted for Major Burde's eight-hour bill, and that principle is now incorporated in the Conservative programme.

The bill is designed to affect the bulk of the industries of British Columbia, and not alone the timber, logging and mining industries. There will be legislation for the eight-hour labor under conditions where such may prove necessary in special cases in the operation of an industry, such as ship loading of lumber, and in the case of reasonable industrial similar concession will be permitted under strict safeguards.

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The measure will seek to aid the worker, but at the same time will provide for adequate protection for industry where such may be deemed necessary.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE PLANS COMPLETE

ROTARY ENTERTAINMENT ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Candy, Toys, Clothing and Funnies for Poor Kiddies at Panstage Theatre Show

Plans for the Rotary Christmas tree are now completed. The big party will be given in the Panstage theatre by courtesy of Manager Robert Jameson on the afternoon of Friday, December 28. Each little guest will receive a toy and candy and will stay to see a comedy film show. It is hoped to have the invitation cards in the mail before Christmas day, so that the children may go to the theatre with joyful anticipation.

The tree and its attendant pleasures make a comparatively small demand on the available financial resources. The theatre costs nothing, the toys are inexpensive and the candy varies. Nearly the whole of the entertainment cost will be met by the proceeds on shoe and clothing stores.

Each child on the list is visited by a member of the committee, his or her exact needs ascertained and an individual scrip filled in and mailed; also, if possible, before Christmas.

Most of the children need shoes badly. Most of them need underclothes. Whether they can afford them, or whether some shivering underclad mite will have to be content with a pair of stockings depends entirely on how much is subscribed.

The scrips will be filled on Sunday,

telling the poor men then the boys for the kids through the coming cold months. Subscriptions lists are open at the Colonial and Times offices and at the Rotary Club office, 1019 Broad Street.

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Total.....	\$1,036.75

BANDIT KILLED

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 19.—A bandit was shot and killed in his companion forced to flee last night after they had attempted to hold up Dewey, paymaster of the Newark Dress Company. When the bandits closed in on him, Dewey, after throwing a bag containing \$1,200 into a hallway, drew a gun and began firing.

In answer to various questions he stated the policy would be to license only dining-rooms of hotels and that there would be no return to the cabaret or dance hall system that prevailed under the prohibition beer law.

The bill was put through its committee stage without further amendment or comment.

## GRECIAN KING IS GIVEN LEAVE

Monarch and Consort Took Departure From Athens Last Night While Assembly Determines Future Course

### PROBABLY BRINGS TO END DYNASTY'S REIGN

Success of Republicans in Recent Election Develops Situation That Surprises People With Its Suddenness

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Greek nation, which in recent years has suffered so many dynastic changes, is today once more without a king and under the regency of the aged Admiral Conoundios, who filled a similar role in 1920. King George and Queen Elizabeth are leaving Greece for Roumania tonight on the steamer Daphne. They are being accompanied by the marshal of the court and the king's aide. The Daphne, a Greek steamer, is commanded by a captain of the Greek navy, who carries a guard of honor of a dozen sailors. The suddenness of this development from the victory of the Liberals and Republicans at the recent elections has astonished even the Greeks people.

According to the Athens press, it will be regarded as "leave" pending the future appointment of a king.

The king and Balkan diplomats may represent a blow to the administration of their governments against the expulsion of the king, but too late to save the situation.

Venizelos Invited to Return

Former Premier Venizelos, who is in Paris, has again been invited to return to Greece to undertake certain of a seal in the Cabinet if Labor is successful in the elections.

It is not known whether he will accept unless a united call comes from the whole people.

According to latest advice the situation remains outwardly quiet, but great anxiety for the future prevails, although the tone of the Royalist press is comparatively moderate.

The revolutionary cabinet, prompted

by the decisive defeat of the Royalists at the polls, served notice of its temporary disownment of the youthful monarch who had no alternative but to abdicate.

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### LABOR PARTY HAS MANY ABLE PEERS

#### AMPLE TRIED TALENT TO FORM NEW CABINET

Besides Brainy Laborites, Ramsay MacDonald Can Choose From Members of Nobility

LONDON, Dec. 18.—If Ramsay MacDonald, as leader of a Labor Government, becomes Premier, what will he do concerning those appointments to His Majesty's Household which fall within the duty of the business of the government to make? This is a question which the public is asking.

There are eight such offices—Lord Chamberlain, Lord Steward of the Household, Treasurer of the Household, Controller of the Household, Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, Captain of Guards-at-Arms, Captain of Yeomen of the Guard, and Master of the Horse. In addition there are six Lords-in-Waiting.

These appointments are of very ancient origin and spring from the old-time fear of the power of the nobility, who were considered as private advisers opposed to the ministerial policy. The Lords-in-Waiting take turns attending the King personally. The present holders of office range in age from 18 to 50 years, according to The Colonial British constitution provides that the Lord Chamberlain should have the licensing of stage plays under his control.

Bernard Shaw as Censor

It is a literal fact that the would-be producer of a new play takes his manuscript to St. James Palace and there deposits it with the custodian, who examines it before giving the Lord Chamberlain. The vagaries of the department in adjudicating on plays is notorious. It is suggested that Mr. MacDonald has an ideal Lord Chamberlain to hand in Bernard Shaw. Certainly nobody else in the Labour Party knows more about stagecraft and Shaw himself has suffered as much as any playwright at the hands of a previous Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. MacDonald may feel perplexed in finding a Master of the Horse, especially when the King, like every body else, mostly uses motor cars nowadays.

It is quite possible, of course, that the younger members of the nobility, when a Labor Government is an accomplished fact, will find themselves of a sufficiently democratic turn to be apprehensive.

Lord Avowed Laborites

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THE CAT CAME BACK—AND GOT THE COLD SHOULDER  
The return of the "Clown Prince" to Germany has failed to make any impression on the political life of Germany.

—From The News of the World.

ALIYI THEATRE WITH MACDONALD'S FORUM

READY TO GIVE THE LABOR GOVERNMENT GENERAL SUPPORT.

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### PREMIER SHIES AT HINCHLIFFE MOTION

SAYS PROPOSAL WOULD COST TOO MUCH

Makes Definite Announcement Royal Commission Will Investigate P.G.E. Charges

Definite announcement that the Government would appoint a Royal Commission to probe into the charges of wrong-doing preferred by Sir Charles Tupper, now of the new Provincial Party, and the charges contained in that particular organization. The statement was made in the Legislature yesterday morning by Premier Oliver. Beyond the bare statement, Mr. Oliver gave no details.

The Premier's statement was made during his remarks in the debate on the Hinchliffe motion calling for a Royal Commission to investigate P.G.E. affairs and covering a wide ground relative to that enterprise.

The Premier remarked he thought he had made himself clear on the question of an investigation when speaking on the subject a few days ago. It remained for Mr. Hinchliffe to say he had not made the definite statement that a Royal Commission would be named under the Public Inquiries Act.

#### Would Be Costly

Arguing that a Royal Commission as called for by the Government members' motion would be very costly, and expressing doubt as to whether if of one or three judges, with expensive legal counsel, an investigation such as asked for could be completed within a year, the Premier said there were signs that there had been an organized attempt to妨害 the Government, and one organization had already spent \$50,000 to that end. This was some indication of what might be expected in an investigation when the reputations of members of the Government were involved. Such an investigation would paralyze the business of the administration during its progress.

The Hinchliffe resolution, the Premier stated, practically left nothing that a commission was not required to investigate. He recalled that in 1907 there had been an investigation into the P.G.E. and to adopt the motion now before the House would require all that work to be gone over again.

"I say, Mr. Speaker, the man accused of petty larceny is entitled to know of what he is charged," the Premier went on. "What is given to the lowest criminal, I as Premier, have a right to demand. I have done no wrong. Let them come forward with their accusations of wrongdoing, and I will meet them here, or in any court of the land," declared the Premier as he banged his gavel.

#### Mr. Ealing Returns to Attack

Supporting the Hinchliffe resolution, Mr. W. K. Ealing, Conservative member for Rossland, returned to his oft-repeated attack upon the Northern Construction Company and to the charges that the treasury had been looted to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

There was no response from either the Premier or the Attorney-General.

Mr. Ealing claimed that the Premier and other members had cost the people thousands of dollars, and when the Royal Commission was appointed he hoped that incompetency was shown up.

Mr. Hanes claimed the inquiry of 1917 did not go far enough, and the resolution on the order paper demanded this. The Premier, he claimed, had made a settlement with the contractor, but overlooked many details.

The charge had been made that the treasury had been looted of five million dollars. He wanted to know where that five million went to, especially in view of the fact of the real activity regarding financial transactions of Foley, Welch & Stewart just prior to the election in August, 1916.

Mr. Hanes asked how much the firm of Reid & Walbridge was paid by the former contractors and by the Northern Construction Company when they acted as legal advisers, and how much of this amount the leader of the opposition, as a member of the firm, obtained.

Mr. Hanes declared that he did not intend to sit in the Chamber and listen to the Premier intimate that the proposed inquiry was to a narrow issue.

Mr. Ian Mackenzie adjourned the debate.

### PROPOSE BOUNTY ON B.C. PIG IRON

Minister of Mines Has Plan to Stimulate Industry—Probably Will Reject Landhi Scheme

While it is practically certain that the Landhi industry who have been seeking Government assistance to the foundation in this Province of the iron and steel industry will go away empty-handed, the Legislature will be asked by Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, to take action towards inducing the Federal Government to grant a bounty on pig-iron and associated products which may be manufactured in this Province from iron ores of British Columbia.

The minister's motion sets forth that the industrial development of British Columbia requires that an iron and steel industry be established; that such industry would assist in the development of the dormant iron and coal fields, thereby giving more employment and building a provincial economy in point of population, industrial activity and prosperity, will reflect the richness and variety of its resources; that the Federal Government has assisted the iron and steel industry of Eastern Canada by granting a bounty on pig-iron with the result that there is established on a sound basis one of the first industries of its kind in America. Therefore, the motion, sets forth, the Legislature should endorse the principle of the granting of a bounty by the Federal Government and urge upon the Dominion the advisability and necessity of favorable action to that end.

### GENERAL'S \$18.70 INCOME TAX HAS NOT YET BEEN PAID

Suspicions of the relations between the Government and General A. D. McRae were raised by Mr. Thomas Uphill, in the Legislature yesterday morning.

"I want to know in all fairness what standing has McRae with the Government," said Ferrier's member, who expressed the opinion that all the heated remarks by Government members against the head of the new Provincial Party were just so much noise.

Mr. Uphill, on a question of privilege, recalled that the Minister of Mines, in the latter's trade against General McRae on Friday last, had made the statement that General McRae had paid \$18.70 in income taxes during the past year. According to the facts that was not correct.

Premier Oliver, who had apparently not been following the member, was on his feet in an instant on a point of order.

Hon. Mr. Mansfield hurriedly and in a hasty whisper remarked to his leader, "Let him go."

Premier Oliver looked nonplussed for a moment but sat down again.

Mr. Uphill referred to answers by Mr. Hart to questions put by Major R. J. Burde respecting amounts paid by General McRae on account of income taxes. He recited that in 1914, the General had paid \$15.50; in 1915, \$18.70; 1916, none; 1917, none; 1918 and 1919, none; 1920, \$2,116.62; 1921, none; 1922, \$85.03, "tax for 1923, \$18.70 (not yet paid)."

"Why should General McRae get off?" noticed the member of Finance coming into Ferrier's and makes the miners whack up much more than this general is paying. It looks to me as if there is something funny somewhere," declared Mr. Uphill.

Hon. Mr. Sloan remarked that when he made his statement he understood that the general had paid his 1923 taxes. "I notice now that he has not done so. His credit is evidently good for \$18.70, but not much more," said the minister.

### CITY NEEDS ITS SHARE OF MONEY

FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED

Civic Employees Will Have to Wait for Their Cheques if Authorities Don't Hurry

Unless the Provincial government pays the city some of the money it owes, the civic employees will have to wait for their December cheques.

The Provincial authorities have not yet paid the city the latter's share of the motor license and income taxes for the year or the liquor profit money for the last six months. The total of these amounts is over \$10,000. Further than that, Saanich has not yet been able to pay the city \$15,000 it owes for high school fees. The city government has not yet paid Saanich its share. Thus directly and indirectly, through the failure of the Provincial authorities to make its contributions, Victoria is short over \$100,000 in its receipts.

The city has counted on this money to meet its bills, and the failure of it to do so has placed the corporation in an embarrassing position. While it will have a cash balance at the end of the year, it has made up its mind that there would be no bank overdraft, and it intends to stay by this decision. The consequence will be that if the government funds are not received by the City Hall before the end of the month, the employees will be late in getting their cheques, and the payment of other bills will have to be postponed.

The race meets held in British Columbia this year, with their mutual profits, took place months earlier than the date of the motor license money was collected, collected early in the year. It has paid the City Hall, where the failure of the government to pay up is deplored.

Major Hayward has already made one attempt to get the desired revenue from the Provincial authorities, and when the gravity of the present situation was explained to him yesterday he decided to immediately make a further and urgent request.

#### Unemployment Shows Decrease in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The number of unemployed persons in the United Kingdom declined this past week by 1,100, the total number now being 1,100,000.

Steady shareholders meet.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Shareholders of the L. R. Steel Company at their meeting last night decided to organize in Vancouver to protect their interests and to keep in touch with the effort that is being made to lift the Steel Company out of its financial slough. Hope was expressed by those attending the meeting that something might be salvaged from the wreckage to give the shareholders a reasonable return of the money they invested.

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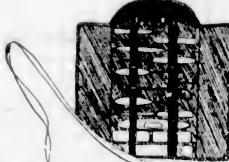
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**BRITAIN'S EUROPEAN POLICY**

The question is being asked, and with some show of reason in the light of late developments, what is to be Britain's place in the future policy of Europe. It cannot be said that Britain is actually dissociating herself from European affairs, but that her influence is waning can hardly be disputed. Mr. Stanley Baldwin has made it clear that he would like the destiny of Britain to be more closely wrapped up with that of the Dominions and the Empire as a whole, and he has shown some inclination, if not a too definite one, to relax the vigilance that has been exercised in the past to maintain the share of his country in the leadership in Europe. Today, to all intents and purpose in the matter of prestige, the French are the masters of continental Europe. They know what they want and are following the course to get it. They would prefer British support in their plans. None of those plans are antagonistic to British policy, but if they cannot have actual British support they evidently consider it is not a particularly serious matter. France has a policy, and she has, as well, the most fully equipped and the best led army in the world.

Sometime, before long, the question will become one of practical politics in Britain as to how far she is prepared to abandon her interest in Europe and acquiesce in the control and leadership there of France. She will have to choose between doing that or reverting to her former policy of maintaining the balance of power. That does not appear to be any other alternative. It is a question for British leadership to determine as to whether her future is within or without Europe. Hitherto it has been both within and without, but events are marching more rapidly now than in the past, and British foreign policy will have to be redefined if her prestige is not to suffer in certain quarters. If that policy held any sway in the minds of the people when exercising their votes in the late British elections it is obvious that there was uncertainty in their opinions. Political and economic happenings of major importance are treading on each other's heels in Europe and at any time there may be developments which will turn the attention of the entire British nation once more to the question of her future foreign policy. It is conceivable, may probalbe, that the march of events will make foreign policy the issue in another election, which cannot be very long delayed. In the last election Britain was asked to decide on her home policy in the economic field and she gave an answer which is politically inconclusive. Where her place in Europe is concerned opinions are wholly divided also, but any development of the future might easily prove grave enough to consolidate these and return one or other party in the state to power with a satisfactory majority.

**A LOOSE PHRASE**

The Toronto Mail and Empire, drawing attention to the Provincial Party's aim to have "professional politicians" removed from the public life of British Columbia, questions what the expression is intended to connote. It says a definition would be very acceptable. We can tell our contemporaries that the Provincial Party has left the public of this Province wholly in the dark as to what its definition is. The Mail and Empire points out that the words "professional politician," "ward politician," and "practical politician" have all come to be used as terms of reproach, although they are broad enough in their meaning to include desirable as well as undesirable elements in public life. The terms, for instance, could be applied to men who have served and are serving their country well and are undeserving of reprobation. Men who have attained high place in public life have started as ward politicians. It is necessary for a man to make his influence first felt in his own community before he engages in a wider sphere. "If he is animated by right motives" says The Mail and Empire, "he merits praise rather than blame for playing his part as a ward politician and may one day make public affairs his chief occupation."

The point made by the Toronto paper is well taken. There is far too much loose usage of language by our politicians and pseudo politicians of the present day. The plank in the Provincial Party's platform dealing with the abolition of the "professional politician" from the public life of the Province means little or nothing. That party itself started its career on professional lines inasmuch as it was subsidized for its campaign. We do not doubt for a moment that scores of adherents flocked to its standard in the hope of sharing in the spoils of office whenever the distribution might take place. That does not mean that the morals and motives of the projectors of the Party may not have been of the highest, but it was

started and is being perpetuated in a professional way and its distastes against so-called "professional politicians" sound like so much bathos. We are willing to admit at once that it is genuine in this regard if it substitutes for its plank regarding professional politicians the abolition of the sessional indemnity, the discontinuance of the use of all political campaign funds and the establishment of the Civil Service of the Province on the basis of entry to, and promotion in, by merit alone. These considerations, in our estimation, would indicate its honesty of purpose in an attempt to stamp out the "professional politician" so far as that epithet can be regarded as a term of reproach.

**CLASSICAL EDUCATION**

France, after 20 years of experiment on other bases of education than the Classics, has come back to introducing them in the Lycees as the only satisfactory foundation of education. President Coolidge of the United States has given confirmation of this viewpoint in the statement of his conviction that the study of the Classics lies at the basis of modern civilization. The President does not deprecate technical and physical education but he marks its limits. "The wise desire," he says, "is not to destroy vocational training but to use it and direct it, rather than to be used and directed by it, that it may be, as it should be, not the master, but the servant, that the physical forces may not prevail over the moral forces, and that the rule of life may be not expediency but righteousness."

Mr. Coolidge is one of those who believes that it is impossible for society to break with the past, inasmuch as it is the product of all that has gone before. He is assured that if the object of education is to establish ideals and form character then the Classics are indispensable, "not only because the classical method has been followed in our evolution of culture, but because the study of Latin and Greek is unsurpassed as a method of discipline." Greece fostered the origin of democracy and of political thought. Rome gave to the world the first great example of law and order. President Coolidge makes no secret of his belief in the superficiality of most modern education, of the insufficiency of teachings devoted exclusively to commercialism and of the need of life in life. A few portions of his address to the American Classical League will bear reproduction, as follows:

We come here today in defense of some of the great realities of life. We come to continue the guarantee of progress for the future by continuing the knowledge of progress of the past. We come to proclaim that the great ideals which have made the predominant civilization of the earth. We come because we believe that thought is the master of things. We come because we realize that the only road to freedom lies through a knowledge of the truth. Mankind has always had Classics. There always will. Always the question will be, What are those ideals to be; what are to be the Classics? For many centuries, in education, the Classics have been the rock and pillar of literature. It does not seem to me that it is necessary to demonstrate that in the Western world society can have little liberal culture which is not based on these.

The object of our education is to continue in us this great power. That power depends on our ideals. The power and influence of that has been the influence of the Classics of Greece and Rome. Those who believe in America, in her language, her arts, her literature, and her science, will seek to perpetuate them by perpetuating the education which has provided them.

**UNJUST REDISTRIBUTION**

Premier Oliver is the author of the Redistribution Bill. He has made it, and he can unmake it. The pleia of Vancouver Island for the retention of its present membership is a legitimate one. It might not be so if there was a place before the Legislature to reduce the number of members in the House, but on the contrary, the proposal is to increase the number by one. Vancouver Island has one-fourth of the population of the Province and is entitled to one-fourth of the members in the Legislature. On this basis this section should have twelve members under Redistribution, where it is to have but eleven. Premier Oliver has failed to adduce satisfactory reasons for the discrimination being shown. He has aroused the people. The claims of Cowichan, for the maintenance of its present electoral boundaries are unanswerable. The Premier has not treated the advancement of these claims with the courtesy that it deserves. We had thought that on a matter such as redistribution all legitimate contentions would receive sympathetic consideration. Mr. Oliver is dogged in his obstinacy in the premises. Doggedness as opposed to fair dealing does not pay, either in the political or any other arena. His determination to ignore the claims of Vancouver Island is illustrated by the personnel of the Redistribution Committee of the Legislature, which is composed exclusively of Mainland members.

West Australia has had an oil boom of the briefest duration. A discovery of mineral oil was reported by two prospectors who showed oil-bearing samples from a bore and small bottles of crude oil. A syndicate was formed but before the company was floated, the Government made a trial boring and an analysis of the prospectors' samples. The discovery was made in a hidden beneath a bug of a dug-out in which was a tank containing 80 gallons of mineral oil, six tons of different oils and an underground pipe from the tank to the bore, a distance of 46 feet. The prospectors have now disappeared.

**Note and Comment**

By R. B. D.

The prohibitionists of the United States believe they are confronted with a great opportunity, and they are going to take advantage of it. They are preparing to nominate a candidate for President. If, as they claim, and as their supporters on the Canadian side of the line assert, a great majority of the people of the United States are either prohibitionists or believe that prohibition is necessary for the moral and physical salvation of the Americans, the prohibition candidate should have no difficulty in defeating the presidential candidates of the ordinary politicians. That is the only kind of demonstration that will convince us that the great majority of the people of the United States are in favor of prohibition.

The fact that prohibition has been incorporated in the constitution of the United States does not prove that if a plebiscite of all the people of the country were taken the result would be to complete endorsement of what is known as the Eighteenth Amendment. That amendment was not put in the constitution by popular vote. It was placed there on the vote of the state legislatures, and the small states, such as Rhode Island or Maryland, have precisely the same voting powers as the great and populous states, such as New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan or Illinois.

Prohibition was adopted over there, as it was in certain Provinces of Canada, during abnormal times. It was originally considered a war measure. The nerves of the people were on edge. A state of hysteria prevailed, and this condition of mind was aggravated by a number of self-constituted "uplifters" in the United States, among them several ex-prize fighters and former baseball players, as well as other "brands plucked from the burning," who had discovered a new and very profitable occupation, and that some of the Canadian people were not as easy marks as some Americans.

The difference between Canada and the United States in this matter of prohibition is that we have discovered that we made a mistake in rushing into extreme measures, and under our constitution have been able to correct that error, whereas the people of the United States must abide by the consequences of their actions because of the rigidity of their constitution. That constitution cannot be altered by popular vote; it must be amended, we believe, by the some of the Canadian people were quite adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment.

We grant that it is an unfortunate, a lamentable, trait of humanity, that some part of it is prone to fall into excesses. It cannot control its appetites. We might compile a list of the things mankind will persist in, doing to its hurt notwithstanding the exhortations of wise men and the teachings of experience, but such matters we do not consider fit for publication. Drinking to excess, however, is not the most vicious or the most harmful of the reprehensible practices of humanity. Are we going to carry our prohibition principles to their logical conclusion and prohibit by law the indulgence of all natural appetites because of the evils that follow excesses in the indulgence of such appetites?

We have the deepest respect for the views of sincere prohibitionists, but cannot adopt their opinions as our own. We do not believe that the acts of any parliament or congress can convince a majority of the people of Canada or the United States that it is morally unlawful to partake of a glass of what is known as "liquor," or that it is possible to effectively enforce such an act. We believe that the traffic now being carried on by what is known as "rum-runners" is vastly more demoralizing to the community than any law legalizing the sale of liquor possibly could be. The United States is going to spend at least two hundred million dollars this year in a futile effort to prevent the sale of liquor within its boundaries. It will spend a great deal more than that, and still liquor will get in there and be sold because there is an insatiable demand for it, and it is trying to insist that all the world shall assist it in attempting to enforce its Prohibition Act.

In the face of such facts, what is the use of attempting to delude ourselves into the belief that prohibition which cannot be enforced is good for the country? Attempts to enforce it are proving very costly to the treasury, costly in human life, ruinous to the physical health of great numbers of people, and generally demoralizing in the large centres of population.

Of course it may be that it is not well in these days of advanced ideas to permit human beings to be governed by their own reason in all matters of a purely personal nature. We have not been endowed with instinct like "the beasts that perish" to safeguard our conduct, to keep us in the straight and narrow path of moral rectitude. We are all miserable sinners, prone to do the things we ought not to do and to leave undone the things we ought to do, and there is no good in us." Therefore it may be necessary for the state to step in, take charge of us, make laws for the regulation of our conduct, and in all things be a light unto one foot and a lamp in our path, to proclaim us all infants in the eyes of the law as dictated by the majority, and to restrict our personal liberties for the benefit of the whole community. If that is the condition at which we have arrived after some centuries of experience, then it is not prohibition of liquor drinking alone that is necessary

to salvation but prohibition of many common practices, some of them much more dangerous if indulged in to excess than excessive indulgence in strong drink.

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WOODMAN, SPARE THAT TREE

Woodman, spare that tree! Touch not a single bough!  
In youth it sheltered me, And I'll shelter it now.  
Twas my forefather's hand That planted it, and I'll stand  
There, woodman, let it stand, The axe shall harm it not!  
The tree of life is old,  
Whose story is renowned,  
Are spread o'er land and sea,  
A woodman, bear thy stroke!  
Woodman, bear thy stroke!  
I saw not its earth-bound ties,  
O, spare it, for its boughs  
Now tower in the skies!  
When but an idle boy  
I used to climb that shade,  
In all their gushing joy  
My mother kissed me here,  
My father pressed my hand—  
Forgetting all the wrongs  
But let that old oak stand!  
My heartstrings round thee cling,  
Thou art the tree of life,  
Here shall thy boughs stand,  
And with thy branches bend,  
Old tree, old tree, old tree!  
And, woodman, leave the spot,  
While I've a hand to save,  
They axe shall burst it not!

George P. Morris

**By the Way**

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OUR seals live in various parts of both the Arctic and Antarctic regions, but by far the greater body of them inhabit the waters of the Northern Pacific. *Three Herds* These form three distinct groups, known respectively in *Pacific* as the Japanese, the Russians and the American seal herds. All intents and purposes they are quite different animals, but the various herds do not mix, and the members of each always return to the same place to breed, says J. M. Creighton, in *Travel*. The Russian seals visit no land except the Commander Islands off the coast of Kamtschatka. The Japanese herds invariably return to Bonne Island, near the east coast of Saghalin; while the American seals have appeared every June, from time immemorial, on the rocky group of islands in the Bering Sea known as the Pribilofs.

In trying to use the big stick, Mr. Oliver forgot to stand up against British institutions and the people of whom did not stand for such methods. Mr. Oliver prates of his honor whilst he breaks all law and Government honor by publishing General McRae's income tax—misleading, puerile, worthless only by a neurotic.

He accuses General McRae of being a nanny goat spliced by the Provincial Party of \$40,000. Mr. Manson, on the other hand, says, "Did he get it from a corporation?" Neither can understand a man with a honest purpose.

Mr. Manson makes one statement about the results of an inquiry into the convention will stand to the party. Amongst his "other rumors" and "have been told's" and "I've a fact," and general efforts to throw mud at General MacRae, he states the following: "I, as a delegate to the convention, am fully satisfied that the majority paid their own expenses and, what is more, when called upon for contributions it only took the delegates fifteen minutes to underwrite over \$20,000. We did this with the honest belief that it is necessary to clear away the mud and the unnecessary pile, so graphically described by Mr. Manson, which is choking off interests, driving people from the country and labeling all political effort as crooked. No decent man wishes to remain under the stigma, and I contend, Mr. Oliver, that the formation of the Provincial Party has been more than justified by the interminable, arrant, silly speeches of Mr. Oliver and his ministers and their efforts by a campaign of slander and prevention of witness, the Government and the Government, only the law is on trial. The charges are not cut and Oliver can have no better opportunity of discrediting the Provincial Party than to prove those charges untrue by a Royal Commission. The people demand this from all parts of the province. They are sick of charges and counter-charges, of the Boes of the House, which only adds to the muck pile. We are told the pile is bad and the raking will be unsavory, but for the health of the Province it must be done. All possible efforts are being made to clear up before we can hope for improvement in our financial outlook."

Take Mr. Asquith, we will wait and see.

H. J. RURCOMBE POOLE, Duncan, B.C., December 15, 1923.

A "Jazz" Orchestra

Sir.—May I trespass on your space by being allowed publication of this letter in your paper.

On reading your Sunday morning's issue the following headline attracted my attention: "U.S.A. Orchestra to Play at Melodians Here on Boxing Day."

Now, Sir, a lot of explaining is necessary by the organization which has been in the past, and is for the coming event, responsible for bringing non-union alien orchestra to Victoria.

Times are none too good with musicians in this city, and it seems a very impudent act on the part of any individual, or body of individuals, to go over the line and employ foreign talent. I am not sure, but I think it is against the law of this land to do so in any case. It is not, public sentiment should be a sufficient excuse to prevent this orchestra from doing local musicians out of work they can competently fulfill. The local members of the Provincial Parliament have an interest themselves in this matter. It is not the first time that this orchestra has been brought over the line by the same organization, and, if this is allowed to continue, our resident musicians might just as well shut up shop.

I wonder how some of the members of the J. B. A. would care to have such a medalline applied to their profession? Would they raise a protest? I believe they have been approached by the officers of the Local Musicians' Association on this matter, and I believe this is the reason for the protest made. One hears a lot about people leaving this city on account of being unable to make a living. I don't believe it, when a large and influential organization like the J. B. A. goes over the line and employs help, what can one expect from other sources.

Apart from the fact that this orchestra is an alien one, what strikes

me forcibly is, that it is recruited from the Washington University. While I was in the States I heard a band of students from that university cutting into the work of competent union musicians. Their favorite method is cutting prices and I saw and heard a sample of their work on boats running out of San Francisco to Honolulu. Not content to stick to their ill-gotten jobs, they even went to the hotel workers at the Honolulu hotel while their ships were in port for a mere pittance, and I don't wonder at it when one heard the brand of ungodly noise they dispensed, mortally ruining the digestive organs of all the poor mortals who happened to be dining at the hotel when they were there.

I hold no brief for the local musicians, although I am a musician myself, but I do contend that it is a disgraceful affair when competent musicians in this city are compelled to be idle through the importation of amateur musicians from over the line, and I would like to express the hope that this matter will immediately be taken up by the proper authorities, and this orchestra be forbidden to enter, let alone play in this city.

PERCY S. BURRASTON,

244 Madison Street, December 13, 1923.

Freedom of Speech

Sir.—Mr. Oliver's flamboyant diatribes and threats against General McRae and all associated with him, for formulating definite charges (which Mr. Oliver has so often denied) and for failing to make one's gorge arise, Does he imagine for a moment that his efforts to throw a smoke screen over the main issue will fool the electorate. Are he and his ministers so short-sighted as to believe that they did not make one's gorge arise. Does he imagine for a moment that that they will stand for the passing of a law to deprive the people of free speech and stifle every question into questionable areas of the Government such as are proposed by the Public Enquiries Act? If it is so, then Gold helps Britain Columbia!

In trying to use the big stick, Mr. Oliver forgot to stand up against British institutions and the people of whom did not stand for such methods. Mr. Oliver prates of his honor whilst he breaks all law and Government honor by publishing General McRae's income tax—misleading, puerile, worthless only by a neurotic.

He accuses General McRae of being a nanny goat spliced by the Provincial Party of \$40,000. Mr. Manson, on the other hand, says, "Did he get it from a corporation?" Neither can understand a man with a honest purpose.

Mr. Manson makes one statement about the results of an inquiry into the convention will stand to the party. Amongst his "other rumors" and "have been told's" and "I've a fact," and general efforts to throw mud at General MacRae, he states the following: "I, as a delegate to the convention, am fully satisfied that the majority paid their own expenses and, what is more, when called upon for contributions it only took the delegates fifteen minutes to underwrite over \$20,000. We did this with the honest belief that it is necessary to clear away the mud and the unnecessary pile, so graphically described by Mr. Manson, which is choking off interests, driving people from the country and labeling all political effort as crooked. No decent man wishes to remain under the stigma, and I contend, Mr. Oliver, that the formation of the Provincial Party has been more than justified by the interminable, arrant, silly speeches of Mr. Oliver and his ministers and their efforts by a campaign of slander and prevention of witness, the Government and the Government, only the law is on trial. The charges are not cut and Oliver can have no better opportunity of discrediting the Provincial Party than to prove those charges untrue by a Royal Commission. The people demand this from all parts of the province. They are sick of charges and counter-charges, of the Boes of the House, which only adds to the muck pile. We are told the pile is bad and the raking will be unsavory, but for the health of the Province it must be done. All possible efforts are being made to clear up before we can hope for improvement in our financial outlook."

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Mr. Day's answer to the charge that the liquor was not sealed in accordance with the provisions of the Government Liquor Act was that he was absent in England when the statute of conscientious objection became law; that when he applied to the official of the Liquor Board to have it sealed on his return to Victoria, he was told that it was too late, but as there were many other people in the same position, the board was willing to let them keep their liquor. Mr. Day had had some of this old, matured and well-sealed stuff for seven or eight years, he told the court.

A Joyce Age, Alas!

City Prosecutor Harrison admitted that on the facts it did seem like an injustice that all this potential Christmas cheer should remain withheld from Mr. Day, and should continue to seem with its rich aroma the gloomy fastnesses of the city jail. But this was not the only reason, he commented. Mr. Harlan, dryly—no doubt of the dryness in this connection—and the terms of the statute seemed to be absolute and peremptory.

Magistrate Jay showed himself as impressed by the contention of Mr. Higgins that Mr. Day had shown his good faith by reporting the liquor on his return to Victoria in the Fall of 1921. Mr. Higgins further argued that the sealing provision could not apply to Mr. Day because he was out of the statute limit for sealing of statutory liquor exports. The court decided to consider the effect of the provision.

Captain Ley, Inspector of the Liquor Board, confirmed Mr. Day's statement that the liquor had been reported to him; and that he had informed Mr. Day that nothing would be done about it.

Who Cares About Rum?

Mouths watered and eyes glistened in court when the seized liquor was described. It was a six-case bottle of the very finest, and enough of it to gladden the heart of a front line battalion on a rumless night of the Great War.

There was no rum listed, but persons in court had a sort of rule should work it out. There was also a satisfactory declaration of what the solid millions of the law had ravished from the desolate cellars of Mr. Cook.

Thus there were two forty-gallon kegs of rye whisky, very old preferred, aged in the wood; and if that seemed inadequate there were seven ten-gallon kegs of the same rye, x.o.p. Then, seeing that it was Christmas time, and what was Christmas without it, there was one ten-gallon keg of very choice old brandy. And, just to strengthen the idea that this was them good old days come back again, there was one twenty-gallon keg of fine, old, choice brandy port.

Joy to Think of It All!

There were few dry eyes in the courtroom when this point was reached in the recital, but that was not all of it. There was plenty of other soothing and meliorating stuff—stuff "measuring to the organ," as Silas Weeg had it.

There was a fifteen-gallon keg of Scotch whisky; and, if one was so fussy that one did not like it in the wood, there were six cases of bottled Scotch. There was also one case of bottled Scotch, "with no marks on it"; but everyone present seemed unanimous that the price per pound would take a chance on it, marked or no marks. And, to make joyful the hearts that may now never rejoice, and to drink Christmas healths that will never be drunk, unless the heart of Magistrate Jay shall be softened by next Friday, there was one ten-gallon keg of very choice old brandy. And, just to strengthen the idea that this was them good old days come back again, there was one twenty-gallon keg of fine, old, choice brandy port.

"Oh, what a terrible disaster, if he don't get it back," said one person sitting at the press table. "Lord, what a hard-hearted world it's getting to be," added this person.

Was Actively Connected With Mining Development in Province

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Mr. John Adam Watson, who was interested in mining development in the Province for many years, passed away last night at his residence on St. John Street after a short illness.

Mr. Watson was born in Glasgow and educated at Greenwich and Lausanne, entering the profession of mining engineer. Arrived in Canada in 1881, first lived on the Prairies for a time and then moved to the Kootenays where he was actively interested in mining development. He came to Victoria first in 1888, and returned to Scotland where he was married in 1893 to Alice Mary Harrington, daughter of a prominent merchant. At that time Mr. Watson resided in Victoria. Practising as a surveyor, he assisted in the laying out of Prince Rupert townsite.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss his widow; two sons, John Henry, of Victoria, and Walter Boyd Swinton, of Portland, Oregon; one daughter, Mrs. W. J. V. Church, Victoria, and a sister, Mrs. D. J. Byrne, Kamloops.

NOTE CIRCULATION

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Dominion note circulation at the close of November was \$240,995,544, an increase against \$241,774,400 at October 31. Gold held against the notes was \$195,15,983 on November 30, as against \$112,303,595 on October 31. During November, the percentage of gold to notes showed a decrease. On November 30, it was 45.3 and on October 31, was 46.5. The Dominion notes outstanding against approved securities was \$94,720,000 at the end of November, and on October 31 they were \$92,870,000.

**General Public Urged to Attend Chamber Meeting**

The general public will be welcome at the quarterly general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at 12:15 p.m. today, in the auditorium of the Chamber. The main business of the meeting, apart from the presentation of the directors' reports of the activities of the past three months, will be a public discussion of the Amusement Centre proposal of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

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Meeting of Sanjour Fruit Growers' Association to be held on January 4

A conference between the directors of Vancouver Island and Mainland Berry Growers' Associations will take place on January 4 here to consider such questions of mutual interest as the disposition of surplus and the distribution of profits on the part of the Sanjour Fruit Growers' Association held in the Temperance Hall, Keating, on Monday night, was informed. The gathering was well attended.

A suggestion was made in a resolution presented to the meeting that the formation of an island federation of fruit growers, and the inauguration of closer co-operation, perhaps affiliation, with Mainland growers.

The resolution was laid on the table until the January meeting of the association when it will come up for discussion.

The committee appointed to investigate the questions of a jam and preserving plant reported progress, and will not present its findings until the meeting in the latter part of January.

Mr. H. E. Tanner, manager of the association, reported on his appearance before the Railway Board at Vancouver, and fight for the removal of the express companies for a rate adjustment which would cost the Sanjour growers several thousands of dollars.

Mr. G. Stewart was nominated as the director of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association for Victoria district. His name will go to the annual general meeting of the association in January. Mr. Tanner was chosen as the delegate of the Sanjour Fruit Growers' Association to this gathering.

Mr. Thornton, a director of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association and the Chilliwack Fruit Association, gave a short and interesting address, dealing principally with the question of dehydration.

The Graphic, Illustrated London News, Sketch, Tattler, Bystander, Holly, Leaves, Magpie, Pears' Annual, Sphere, Churchmen's Almanac.

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In real language, Victoria shopkeepers within whose shops are sold the main ingredients of Christmas dinners, state that never before have they sold so many Christmas turkeys, Christmas geese and Christmas chickens. During Monday and yesterday, orders for turkeys have been constant and prolonged and thousands of birds are now gracing the tables of Victoria homes.

Of the three principal Christmas fowls, King Turkey reigns supreme. Dealers report that more turkeys have been sold than geese and chickens combined, and they expect the same to continue until the holiday season is over.

Mr. R. W. Dodds, manager of the Island Market, a P. Burns &amp; Company establishment, states that far more birds have been sold to date than was the case last year, and nearly all the turkeys and most of the geese and chickens have been killed and prepared for the market.

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The Milk Fund was augmented by

the sum of \$10.70 from the Community Chest.

Great interest centered around the drawing for the don the doll's buggy and the two-year-old boy who won Mrs. R. Gleason, 611 Superior Street, holding ticket No. 524; the second by Miss Gladys Gilmore, 2735 Belmont Avenue, ticket No. 967; and the statue was won by Mr. J. Witte, 1231 Pandora Avenue.

The members attending the meeting took the opportunity of donating their gifts for the I.O.D.E. Christmas hamper, for which purpose the rooms were open all day.

Mrs. W. Ivel, regent, presided at the meeting, which was largely attended by members.



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#### INSTALLMENT NO. 9

**WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY**  
Terry Desmond, fifteen years old, left much to herself, believes in fairies and worshiped them. She had a beautiful half-sister, "Julie" rides in a gorgious car and, though her father, the caretaker of an estate on Long Island, had made a fortune, Terry claimed he would have been a millionaire if his absent-minded aires and his ship had not gone to raise. Mary Desmond, Terry's mother, and Julie's father, had died during the latter's career.

Miss Sheridan, a widow, owner of the house, writes that she is coming to spend a few days with her 17-year granddaughter is coming with her.

TERRY died not know what to make of her life at the Blue Moon. After the peacq of the convent it was pandemonium; noise, noise, from twelve mida, till long after twelve midnight.

Desmond grumbled that "posyfoot" had ruined her, but lack of liquor—if there was a lack—did not seem to interfere with business at the road house.

There were crowds for luncheons—crowds of white-faced, pink-cheeked girls, like big dolls, and their escorts, often old men, or very young ones with foolish faces.

In the afternoon more motorists would drive up, demanding lemonade—lemonade, like the world was ending while the band played, as it never failed to play at all hours of the day or night. Crowds again for the celebrated fish dinner; and greater crowds for the supper dance.

The jazz music startled Terry when she first heard it, and irritated her nerves. She thought it like some tragedy among pots and kettles in the kitchen.

Even when she was permitted to go to bed she could never sleep till the mid hours, and her was not the plaid tattered, torn, or mended, nor the up for lack of rest, with a late morning nap. Her health suffered and the little sleep she got was broken with hateful dreams, dreams of men's faces, especially their eyes.

There were eyes that stared in the restaurant, eyes that avoided by bending over her work, but could feel them look over her shoulder, sharp and gleaming, the eyes through the wall of her room in dreams, and the horror was that they drew nearer and nearer to her own face until she struggled awake with a gasp.

In the dreams she felt that, if they touched her, she would die. But when she lay awake in the morning thinking of the eyes, she found them seemed stupid. She could not understand or define her dislike of the look in some men's eyes, more than in others.

It was only a silly, dead-fish sort of look, she told herself; but the odd thing was that in the dreams the girl seemed to know something bad, something dangerous about it, which seemed nonsense when she was awake.

Most of the people who ate and danced at the Blue Moon appeared to be rather common and unintelligent according to a convenient learned standard, judged from the conversations she overhead, and the skylarking that went on among the livelier clients.

But one evening the girl looked up (she seemed somehow compelled to do so), and saw pale eyes from a different world. A different girl shot through her nerves. She did not like the eyes. But they were there. They were magnetic as the eyes of a black cat. And they were much the same color: a greyish greenish yellow.

Though she looked down as quickly as possible, she could see the girl's eyes between her and her paper, as one sees bright spots after gazing at the sun. The table at which the man had sat down to dine was so close to her desk that the nearness of the eyes was an unpleasant reminder of the dream, and she kept an impression of their color with startling clearness.

There was, however, one consolation in knowing them so near—they had not that foolish, dying fish look. These eyes were alert, and bright with intelligence of a sort.

The man sat facing the girl at her desk, and she resolved to look at him again. But the realization of repulsion (which it was) overcame her, and once more she met the eyes. This time her photographing the face more distinctly than ever; that she would have been drawn to study if she could have studied un-

seen.

It was, Terry found, wonderfully intellectual for a Blue Moon client. The forehead was high, if narrow, framed in thick black hair streaked with grey. The brilliant eyes were deep set, heavy brows.

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Terry met a warning gleam in her father's eyes. He answered, to give her a cue. "Miss Divine has been here once or twice, but that was before I came along. She's a daughter of a Desmond, I suppose. Tessie's boy, Terling, he would have been a son of mine if I had only three months. Somebody told me that Miss Divine's in Europe—or South America, maybe—so Tessie won't get a chance yet to judge the resemblance."

"Miss Divine must have come back.

I saw her walking down Fifth Avenue a couple of days ago," said Nasio. "I don't know her personally; he went on, perhaps to Desmond's relief, we all admire her. She's mighty pretty."

"But—if you'll let me say so—" (he bowed to Terry) "you could give her points, you're years younger, too."

"My daughter's seventeen," said Terling. "Just seventeen, and just out of a convent!"

Terry felt unpleasantly that her father was showing her off. Nazzie's eyes sent out a flash.

"A convent maiden!" he echoed.

"Why, we oughtn't to speak of her in the same breath with the Million

Dollar Doll, ought we Mr. Desmond?"

Tomorrow's installment tells of an invitation and a compliment.

#### Those Who Come and Go

H. A. Hoard, of Alberni; Mrs. Chambers, of Melchison; H. Vogel and Mrs. Vogel, of Mill Bay; Mrs. H. Roone and Mrs. Talbot, of Duncan; J. G. Gallo, of Nanaimo, and Namano, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. E. McCallum and a son, Ellingham, of Winslo; J. Williams and Harry Carr, of Calgary; Alex. Godkin and son, Alvin Godkin, and John and Virje, of Cluny; J. F. Musseman and son, and Miss Stella Musseman, Edmont; are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. J. W. Bennett, H. Fisher, O. Olsen, J. Kaasher, F. C. Cole, of Seattle, and R. H. Brooks, of Roberts Creek, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. R. H. Cairns, G. W. Ledingham, D. H. Hutchinson, M. D. Morrison, H. Perrett, H. A. Smyth, G. Hines, Charles English, of Vancouver; Miss Margaret Apper, and Leebum, of Tofino; F. C. Ross, of Ladysmith, and W. James, of Qualicum Beach, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

Visitors from the Prairie Provinces registered at the Strathcona Hotel include Mr. J. S. Jamison, from Calgary; Mr. H. L. Gillett and Mr. Alfred Gillett, from Shawanigan; Mr. Fred G. Miller, from Kamloops; Mr. George Baak, Mr. J. Mistree and Mr. D. McCrie, from Swift Current, Saak; Mr. Geo. Venne and Mr. M. May, from Calgary.

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Famous Interpreter of Folk Songs Will Appear at Centennial Methodist Church Tomorrow

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# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

## Jackson Cup Soccer Draw Is Held Over For One More Week

Seven Teams Have Already Sent in Entries, and Two More Are Expected—Wednesday League Is Granted Permission to Play InterCity Game in Vancouver on New Year's Day

WHEN the Lower Island Football Association met last night to set the draw for the Jackson Cup, it was found that all the clubs intending to enter had not placed their entry with the secretary, and after a very short discussion it was decided to leave the entries open for another week.

Up to the present time seven teams have sanctioned their entry, namely, Garrison, Victoria Wests, Esquimalt, Sons of England, Wards, Cranleigh Hospital and Broad Street. It is expected that the Veterans and the Moose will place their entries during the week.

The application of the Wednesday League for permission to play a pickup team from the Wednesday League, Vancouver, at the Royal Athletic Park on New Year's Day, was granted.

The Victoria and District Football League met and arranged Saturday's games as follows: Victoria Wests vs. Veterans, at the Royal Athletic Park; referee, Alcock; Wards vs. Moose, at Beacon Hill; referee, Oliver; Esquimalt vs. Sons of England, referee, Payne. All games will commence at 2:30 p.m.

### VIC HOLMAN WINS IN COWICHAN BOUT

Dan Paetro, of Victoria, loses to Tommy Best, of Duncan—Alt-Ben defeats Brookbank

DUNCAN, Dec. 18.—For the dust-weight championship of Cowichan, Vic Holman, of Duncan, won the title from Charlie Stock, after five exciting rounds, on Saturday night. These fifty-five-pound midgets put up a splendid exhibition, and it was only after an extra round that the winner could be decided.

An extra round was also necessary in the bout between Dan Paetro, of Victoria, (115 pounds) and Tommy Best, of Duncan (112 pounds). Paetro was the more aggressive and carried a wicked punch, but the local boy was much the more clever boxer and almost put Paetro away in the second round. Best clearly won on merit, although handicapped by an injury to his left hand during the bout.

The surprise of the evening was the defeat of Ian Brookbank at the hands of Alt-Ben. The crowd had come to look for Lin to win all scrapes, but the two veterans, Alt-Ben and Nastman, of Vancouver; while Best was matched with Anderson, of Ladysmith, but neither of these was able to fill his engagement.

Brookbank and Best are both clever, hard-hitting men, although their styles are quite different.

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Ron Gibbons was the third man in the ring, while Mowers, T. Berry and Tom Berry were judges. Mr. C. H. Dickie, M. F. H. acted as timekeeper and M. G. Williams, referee. C. H. Dickie also presented the prize cup to the successful contestants. The tournament was under the able management of Mr. W. H. Batstone.

#### Policies, Too

Before the main bout was called, Mr. K. F. Duncan, M. P. P., was invited to the ring to address the crowd on the government's redistributive policy in reference to cutting the Cowichan constituency in two. After listening to the member, a resolution moved by Mr. H. F. Prevost, president of the Board of Trade, and seconded by Major Grigg, president of the Agricultural Society, condemning the measure as it affects this district, was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

### BASEBALL WILL CLOSE EARLIER NEXT FALL

Schedule Makers Will Work Out Details to Avoid Clashing With Date of Presidential Election

NOW YORK, Dec. 18.—Major league schedule makers have agreed upon an arrangement which will bring the 1924 season to a close on September 29 or 30, earlier than ever before for a campaign of 154 games, it was revealed today by John Heyder, president of the National League.

Mr. Heyder said that Ban Johnson, president of the American League, was in harmony with the plan. Details will be worked out by the two commissioners in conference here early next year. The fact that 1924 is a presidential year, with the campaigns assuming paramount importance early in the Fall and that an earlier closing will enable finishing the season under daylight saving time figured in the decision for an earlier closing, Mr. Heyder explained.

Another result of this plan will be to advance by at least a week's time the start of the world's series.

#### FIRPO GETS THE COIN

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Dec. 17.—The will of attachment obtained by sailor Maxted against Luis Firpo involving Firpo's share of the proceeds of the Willard-Firpo fight here last summer was dissolved in an opinion handed down in circuit court today by Judge Cutler. Approximately \$25,000 was involved, it was stated.

#### VETS WILL PRACTICE

All members of the Veterans' football team are requested to report for training at the Veterans of France quarters at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

### HOCKEY RECORDS

P.C.H.A.	P.W. L.	D. P.A. Pts.
Victoria... 10 5 0	0 34 29	2
Seattle... 10 4 6	0 28 21	2
Vancouver... 9 3 5	1 25 23	7
Prarie...		
Regina... 5 5 0	0 16 10	2
Saskatoon... 8 3 3	2 22 26	8
Calgary... 4 3 1	0 12 9	6
Edmonton... 4 1 2	1 6 8	3
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Fredrickson, Victoria... 11 1 12 2		
Dunlop, Victoria... 7 3 10 2		
Fraser, Seattile... 4 1 9 18		
Loughlin, Victoria... 5 3 5 2		
Matte, Vancouver... 6 1 7 4		
Cook, Vancouver... 4 3 7 8		
Rehner, Seattle... 3 2 6 6		
Hill, Victoria... 4 1 5 2		
Gibson, Victoria... 1 0 1 2		
Walker, Seattle... 5 0 5 0		
Briden, Seattle... 5 0 5 0		
Foyston, Seattle... 5 0 5 0		
Halderman, Victoria... 4 1 5 6		
Meekling, Victoria... 3 1 4 8		
Bucher, Vancouver... 3 0 3 2		
McGinnis, Vancouver... 2 1 3 0		
Anderson, Victoria... 2 0 2 0		
Rowe, Seattle... 1 0 1 0		
Triley, Victoria... 1 0 1 0		
Cotch, Vancouver... 1 0 1 4		
Horizon, Vancouver... 1 0 1 0		
McFarlane, Seattle... 1 0 0 2		
Skinner, Vancouver... 0 0 0 0		
Arbour, Seattle... 0 0 0 4		

### Pressmen Not Share Second Place In League Standing of Bowlers

By taking all three games from the Ramblers in their bowling league fixture yesterday, the Pressmen are now tying for second place with the U.C.T.'s. The third game was a "humdinger," only four pins separating the teams. In the first game the final line was responsible for the defeat of the Ramblers. Bell was the high man of the evening, with 565, and Handley and Nipe each rolled over the 500 mark. The scores follow:

### Ramblers...

Hindley	161	189	178	-508
Marshall	138	122	135	-395
Manson	167	172	144	-483
Deerholm	168	104	127	-272
Miller	143	144	156	-442
Huxtable	190	192	177	-229
	777	711	802	2290
Pressmen...	169	196	180	-555
Nute	153	186	156	-508
Potts	132	197	126	-465
Neill, D.	140	137	164	-441
Neill, W.	170	144	160	-474
	792	840	806	2438

### British Polo Clubs Now Busy Preparing For Another Campaign

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—That Great Britain is determined to send a strong polo representation to the British Empire Games next season for the challenge cup is clearly indicated by the early preparations that are being made on the other side of the Atlantic. Already a tentative combination has been arranged by the Hurlingham Club in the early tournaments in Great Britain, and other polo organizations of England have promised to appoint their teams as soon as possible so that the players will be able to round into shape before the Summer month arrives.

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### English Soccer Cup First Round Draw

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The draw for the first round of the English Soccer Cup, to be played January 12, was made yesterday and is as follows:

### Blackpool vs. Sheffield United.

### Derby vs. Bury.

### Exeter vs. Luton.

### Exeter vs. Bromley.

### Millwall vs. West Bromwich Albion.

### Acrington vs. Charlton.

### Manchester United vs. Plymouth.

### Swansea vs. Clapton Orient.

### Newport City vs. Bristol City.

### Nottingham vs. Bradford.

### Sheffield Wednesday.

### Northampton vs. Halifax.

### Oldham vs. Sunderland.

### Leeds United vs. Stoke.

### West Ham United vs. Aberdare.

### Huddersfield vs. Birmingham.

### Bradford vs. Portsmouth.

### Newcastle vs. Luton.

### Middleborough vs. Watford.

### Ashington vs. Aston Villa.

### Barnsley vs. Brighton.

### Wolverhampton vs. Darlington.

### Queens Park Rangers vs. Notts County.

### Crystal Palace vs. Tottenham.

### Corinthians vs. Blackburn Rovers.

### Southgate vs. Preston.

### Southgate vs. Fleetwood.

### Southgate vs. Walsall.

### Southgate vs. Halifax Town.

### Southgate vs. Grimsby Town.

### Southgate vs. Accrington.

### Southgate vs. Tranmere Rovers.

### Southgate vs. Lincoln City.

### Southgate vs. Borehamwood.

### Southgate vs. Barrow.

### Southgate vs. Crewe Alexandra.

### Southgate vs. Cheltenham.

### Southgate vs. Gloucester.

### Southgate vs. Oldham.

### Southgate vs. Leyton.

### Southgate vs. Colchester.

### Southgate vs. Macclesfield.

### Southgate vs. Shrewsbury.

### Southgate vs. Hereford.

### Southgate vs. Wrexham.

### Southgate vs. Oswestry.

### Southgate vs. Shifnal.

### Southgate vs. Nantwich.

### Southgate vs. Wigan.

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## HOPPE NOW HOLDS COMMANDING LEAD

BILLIARD CHAMPION GIVES A DAZZLING DISPLAY

Cochran Never Gets Well Started in Play-Off Match, and Is Now Away Behind

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Willie Hoppe made a dazzling display of 182 balls billiards last night, displaying his marking and safety play in tonight's \$600 point block of his play-off of a tie for the world's championship with Weiske Cochran, and for the two nights' play took the commanding lead of 142 to 136.

Hoppe's innings tonight showed one blank, three singles and three coups of two, but as the game wore on he put together runs of 162, 13, 30 and 27 by marvelous displays of open table driving and close nursing and went out with an unfinished run of 53.

Cochran never could get started. Twice when he looked good he missed mase shots and had to sit down. His stroke seemed fine at the start but faltered badly in his shot making.

He left the balls in good position at the end of the table for resumption of play of the final 500 point block tomorrow night.

The score by innings in two nights:

Cochran—5, 2, 33, 74, 89, 50, 2, 34, 0, 2, 0, 4, 1, 9, 20, 12, 30—436.

Hoppe—158, 54, 46, 211, 64, 2, 2, 1, 1, 9, 0, 2, 52, 162, 3, 207, 55, 24, 1, 0, 60.

High run 211, average 55 1-18.

\*Unfinished run last night: \*\*un-

finished tonights.

**Continues Run.**

With the balls "under the hat" at the head of the table, Willie Hoppe continued his unfinished run of 53 in the second night's 500 point block play-off of the tie for the world's 18.2 half-line billiard championship with Weiske Cochran, of Hollywood, California.

In the first 500 point block of the 1,000 point play-off last night, Hoppe went out in five innings with an average of 100. Cochran scored 203.

Hoppe got five, which gave him a total of 54 for the inning, counting the 59 he got last night when play closed as he reached 500. He missed a side rail time follow shot, the cue hitting the red as it banked off the end rail.

Cochran's physical appearance was

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improved and he started play carefully, shooting deliberately. In the playing last night he was suffering from a head cold.

Cochran's performance was difficult in getting the balls in position and his first 19 shots were of the open table variety. He appeared in good control of his stroke and his touch was evidently delicate as he neared 50. His 4th and 49th shots were three cushion shots and after his 19th he left the balls separated. He scored one making an even 50 but missed the third three cushion shot and left Hoppe a difficult lay from which Hoppe at his next turn could get only two billiards.

**Safety Play.**

Hoppe left a difficult passing shot and Cochran could do no better than two for his seventh inning. Cochran played very carefully and a safety play left the balls in such a position that Hoppe only gathered two for his seventh inning. Cochran had better luck in his eighth and ninth.

Hoppe made one off a safety play and left Cochran in such a position that he missed. The score was Cochran 291 and Hoppe 512. Hoppe, not displaying the form of last night, had a difficult time after his 19th but played safe and Cochran missed. Hoppe then took a turn at missing and Cochran was applauded for his safety play. Cochran got four before he missed. He left the balls in good position, but Hoppe missed after getting two, and so ending the game.

**Gets Going at Last.**

Cochran got the balls together at the foot of the board, lost his nervousness caused by the exciting safety play and set about his task of cutting the champion's lead. Close nursing was an occasional round the table shot at which he was able to cut Hoppe's two night lead of 18.

**Continues Run.**

Cochran was unable to get them together, missing after making two, but Hoppe, on his tenth turn at the table for the night, his fourteenth inning of the game found conditions to his liking and by close nursing, matched the high double figures of the night, 52, being stopped by a weak draw.

Cochran, in his fifteenth inning, got a nine, missing a mace after a promising start.

**The New Run.**

Cochran left the balls lying nicely and continued his safety play, his cue seemed to have recovered its will and the most difficult drawn drives, follows and banks looked easy. The game for the novice became a display of Hoppe's billiard prowess. He finally missed on a two cushion carom.

**CHRISTMAS MIRACLE  
PLAY IS PRODUCED**

"Eager Heart," With Bach Oratorio Music, Presented Before Capacity Audience at High School

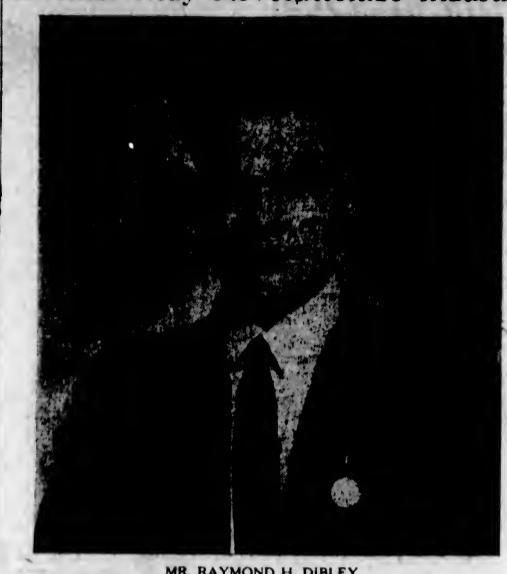
It has fallen to the Victoria Musical Club to start the custom of a Christmas Miracle Play—"Eager Heart," one of the religious plays of the Middle Ages, the text of which has survived in England right down to the present day. It was first performed in Victoria before, but the performances of the High School last evening, on a more elaborate scale under the Ladies' Musical Club auspices, is an entirely new venture, and the organization is to be congratulated on the decision it has taken to make it regular yearly December event hereafter. The High School auditorium was filled to the doors. This in itself is testimony to the great interest which such a play has for a large section of the public, and it is to be hoped that it will appeal to everyone concerned in the programme.

The Passion Play had its origin in an age of simple faith. If the narrative is to be convincing it must therefore be presented simply, without sophistication. The Faust Play of Oberammergau, for example, was presented by a simple people who have been reared in an atmosphere of simple religious faith, unquestioning belief in the solemnity of the religious service, when the whole world is called upon to act. It is, therefore, a decided happy idea to emulate the idea in a manner by employing girls rather than mature actors whose sophistication and affectation, no matter how polished, could not fail to rob a work of the kind of its dramatic interest. It is also essential to its impressiveness and majesty. There was something grandly simple and genuinely uplifting in the Christmas play given last evening, in the treatment of the narrative of the nativity as it was represented by numerous selections from Bach's oratorio built on the same themes.

"Eager Heart" follows the old miracle play intention of being instructive, it is rather to pity that the old system of teaching the play in a church could not be reverted to, only in such an atmosphere will the right conditions be found. However, the numerous difficulties were wonderfully surmounted, and the listeners found themselves following with interest the story of the "Eager Heart" and their seeking for the Babe. Miss Mary Campbell gave a most convincing delivery of the part, speaking the lines with utter absence of affectation and infinite dignity which was both appealing and inspiring. The first scene shows the humble room which she has prepared as a shelter for the Lord whose coming she awaits. Spread on the rough table of wood is the manger, which she means to offer her mate. Some two sisters, after a soft off at the unpretentious preparations. A "Poor, Nameless Family" enter, and these footsore and hungry girls she offers the lowly couch and simple food. While the hoped to offer her Lord." As she is about to leave the apartment the Strangers, standing in the halo of light, with uplifted hand, blesses the poor dwelling, and one depicts an aged Shepherd and three shepherds, all murmuring over the dying embers of a fire. They are also shepherds. The old man has already seen. The Three Kings next enter, following the light of the star which marks the birthplace of the Christ Child, each bearing their gifts at His feet. In the final representation they are all discovered at the door of "Eager Heart's" humble dwelling doing homage to The Holy Family.

This was all very movingly, very convincingly acted by girls who were completely imbued with the sublime and devout character of the play. Reverence was shown in their whole attitude, and they spoke their lines clearly and with conviction. The staging was intentionally simple, the costuming for the most part followed tradition.

## Inventor May Revolutionize Industry



## YOUNG INVENTOR EXHIBITS ENGINE

Raymond Dibley Fights His Way Through Australian Prize Ring to Earn Money for Promotion of His New-Principle Gas Motor—Ingenious Device Said to Make Coal Oil Available for Automobile Power—Invention May Revolutionize Industry

**D**OWN in the basement of the Douglas Hotel, coupled to an electric dynamo, is a little gasoline engine. To the layman, its appearance presents nothing extraordinary; and the average man would probably predicate of it that it could be just as obstinate and evil-minded as are most motor engines.

Nevertheless, the two young men of this city, Raymond Harcourt Dibley, the inventor, and John H. Devereux, his friend and business adviser, are both very confident that in this little engine they have an invention which, if destined for success, will be a great boon to the engineering industries, which depend for their being upon the internal combustion motor.

Mr. Dibley, 22, told yesterday, after he heard about his invention, "I saw that what was needed to perfect the internal combustion engine was an oil burner.

Romance and adventure still live in the heart of youth, even especially among mechanical engineers who youth gets into oil-sealed overalls and sings the hair of its head with backfire explosions. It is not altogether surprising therefore that Mr. Dibley saw hungry days in his native Australia, while he was struggling to perfect his invention.

**An Inventor's Obstacles.**

The young inventor experienced most of the troubles peculiar to the ancient and honorable guild. His inventor explained it, is that motor companies and oil companies, which own coal oil, are the ones which are most afraid of his invention.

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**A Little More Power.**

A little more power and altogether the spirit of warmth and romance, is the fact that Mr. Dibley earned the money which brought him to Victoria by fighting his way to the Western District championships of the Canadian Auto Club, which he won in two years and weighs in at 161 pounds, rhinoceros. He ran out of money. He became an airman and a prizefighter in order to carry out his work.

He never had the usual experience of inventors, with the personal steals other men's ideas. Mr. Dibley's sample of the patent pirate, hosted by racing car to Sydney, N. S. W., to record the idea which Mr. Dibley in his youthful truthfulness had imparted to him. The piracy was foiled, however. Mr. Dibley had had enough forethought to patent his engine.

**Handied Per Cent Power.**

The ordinary engine is gained by perfecting the piston, as in the ordinary engine, but the Dibley engine is gained by perfecting the cylinder. The piston descends until it reaches atmospheric pressure, at which point the cylinder is compressed. The piston then rises, compressing the gas, which is then forced out through the exhaust valve.

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**"THE PURPLE HIGHWAY"**

The romance of a poor girl who followed "The Purple Highway" to fame and fortune and left behind the broken hearts of those who helped her.

Come along to "The Purple Highway"—The Rosy road to Romance.

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William Fox Presents

**"The Village Blacksmith"**

A 1923 Melodrama Direct From Its New York Run

As the guilt of theft upon a blameless man is exposed and shown in gripping scenes in this area, photo drama

At St. John Comedy—Scenic

**NIGHT SCHOOLS OPEN PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASS AND DEBATE**

On Monday night, the public speaking classes at the night schools held the first of what may well develop into a series of debates. Mr. Binns, the principal, allowed the use of the

**Miss Allen's TESTED RECIPES**

No. 42

Nebraska French Fried Onions

(Below is the favorite recipe of Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, whose permission is kindly granted it from the St. Louis Constitution)

Take 2 Bermuda onions—any other large onion would do—but if it is short, add the weight of two smaller ones will make up of a large number of whole rings. Then break each onion in half, cut the rings, drop these into a thin batter and fry them. When you fry them, turn them over so they will not stick like a little doughnut. I find that the dough is nicely browned.

Eaten

2 eggs yolks  
1/2 cupful sweet milk  
1/2 cupful flour  
1/2 teaspoonful salt

Beat the yolks light. Add the milk, the flour and salt sifted together, beating it in with egg beater.

You will find that when frying gives these just the right crispy brown.

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## SHARP REACTION AFFECTS STOCKS

**Forecast of Coming Legislation  
Causes Prices Downward on  
the New York Exchange**

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Stock prices reacted sharply in today's market, largely on Washington dispatches forecasting the passing of a soldier bonus bill over the President's veto. Some selling also was inspired, however, by the speculative belief that the recent downward price had been too rapid, and that a technical reaction was warranted.

Offerings were distributed over a wide list, with some of the sharpest reactions taking place in speculative favorites.

Throughout the forenoon the market moved all upward without yielding much ground, but the sharp recoveries in some issues indicating the presence of strong support.

An irregular recovery was under way in the afternoon, but in the final hours the offerings were substantially increased, the special pressure again directed at the railroad shares, which had led at 4:34 per cent.

Call money held at 4:34 per cent. Turned in time, however, was on a moderate scale, with most of the business in the shorter maturities at 5 per cent.

Little commercial paper is coming into the market, the best names commanding 4 to 5 per cent.

Foreign exchange business was quiet, with slight recessions the rule. Demand sterling was quoted around \$4.37, and French francs around 5.23 cents.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 18.—According to reliable headquarters, the first phase of the fighting at San Marcos was in favor of the revolutionary forces who, with reinforcements, repulsed the Federal troops,

No. 39-C

**Auction Sale of  
Oriental Rugs  
BY  
ROBERTS & MELLOR  
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## NEW YORK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Foreign exchanges were quiet in early morning, but the grain trading day was off to a very slow start, and prices took up changes. Corn was strong throughout the market, and wheat was up 1 cent. Cash corn was up 1 cent to 74¢, having paid price a large short interest built up in corn futures and this element was still strong. Wheat was up 1 cent to 74¢, having paid price a large short interest built up in wheat futures and this element was still strong. The trade seems to be going more into corn, as it is easier to store than wheat, and the market is still in a bearish position.

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# Marine and Transportation

## U.S. NAVY PLANS MAY BE OPPOSED

**British Government May Object to American Plans for Elevating Turret Guns on United States Battleships—Legal Experts Differ on Question—London Times Declares Late President Harding Opposed to Plan as Infringement of Washington Naval Treaty**

LONDON Dec. 18.—There are signs here that the discussion which may develop into a controversy is likely to be renewed over the United States' plans for utilizing an appropriation of \$500,000 for elevating the turret guns of United States battleships to give them equal range with the best foreign ships of the same class.

The British government has not questioned the United States' plan nor intimated that it considers them opposed to the Washington treaty. The Times, however, has published an editorial saying that legal experts

have different views on the interpretation of the clause of the treaty, which might be taken to apply to the United States' plans, suggesting that the question whether such alterations were permissible should be settled by a meeting of the naval attaches of the signatory powers at Washington.

The Times asserts that President Harding's reference to the original scheme in process because he was averse to anything that might seem to be an infringement, but that the United States' proposal has now been resumed by Secretary of the Navy Denby.

**STORY REVEALS  
CREW'S HEROISM**

**EIGHT MEN SACRIFICE LIVES  
FOR CRIPPLED COMRADE**

**TRUE TRADITIONS OF SEA MAINTAINED BY  
SAILORS OF VESSEL WRECKED  
AT COOS BAY**

That the true traditions of the sea were maintained when eight members of the crew of the C. A. Smith, wrecked at Coos Bay on Monday, sacrificed their lives in a heroic but vain effort to save the crippled wireless operator, was made clear yesterday, when details of the tragedy issued from the scene of the disaster.

**Wait for Cripple**

When the ship, stranded on the rocks and the life-boats left by Captain Johnson, made the side of the vessel to take off the crew, only seven were willing to leave the doomed vessel until Leland, the "Sparks" of the ship, a mere boy of twenty years, was able to go over the side.

Leland, a cripple, with his left leg lost, and the arm minus his right foot, as a result of a previous accident, could not make the small boat because of the terrific seas.

The remaining crew preferred to cling to the storm-tossed ship rather than abandon their radio man.

"I'll fight it out here in the radio room," Leland is reported to have said when his comrades refused to desert him.

But the remaining members stayed aboard, and Captain Johnson, unable because of the increasing storm to again get alongside of the stranded steamer, was forced to abandon further efforts.

**Lost in Churning Sea**

Later in the day, according to Captain Bingham, who had been sent ashore, Chief Engineer Thomas Clarmores, taking Leland and seven others, launched a boat. The seas were terrible. After the occupants had hit the water a huge comber tossed them against the side of the ship with such force that they tumbled into the churning sea. Leland, swimming from the deck, covered the water. All nine men were thrown into the water and commenced to battle against the uneven odds of the elements.

Only two of the nine were seen to come to the surface by the onlookers aboard the boat. These were the crippled radio operator, Leland, and

Edward Eford, first assistant engineer. The others are believed to have been injured by the timbers in the seas and sunk.

**Carrried to Sea**

Leland was seen floating for fully an hour, and the last sight of him was as he was carried out to sea clinging to a pile of lumber.

Eford was tossed about the water close to the north jetty for over an hour, and finally, it is believed, he lost his hold on a timber and sank into the depths.

It was Leland who flashed the first news of the disaster and brought help to those aboard the ship.

**BARK WILL BECOME  
FLOATING CANNERY**

**SAN PEDRO, Dec. 18.—What is**

said to be the world's largest floating cannery is assured for the port of Los Angeles Harbor with the sale of the bark of the Monfalcone.

Approximately \$100,000 will be expended by the bark companies in equipping the Monfalcone

as a floating cannery and, when completed, the huge salter will be sent

down the coast to Mexico, where she will receive and can catches from small boats operating in those waters in large numbers. The Monfalcone will have a capacity of about 3,000 tons of canned fish.

**WORST GALE OF YEAR  
OFF TATOOSH ISLAND**

**SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—The worst**

storm of the Pacific Ocean since Winter raged yesterday according to reports received here today.

The wind, which reached eighty-three miles an hour, blew down the arms of the Government bridge on the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and interrupted communication with Seattle. Land lines linking Tatoosh with Port Angeles, Wash., were paralyzed.

The peak of the storm was reached at 7:30 in the evening.

So far as reported, all vessels weathered the disturbance.

**Goes to Australia**

**HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—Captain L. M.**

Hatfield, marine superintendent at Halifax for the Eastern Division of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, has been appointed Merchant Marine Superintendent for Australia.

**STEAMER MOVEMENTS**

**TACOMA, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Alabama**

Mar., sailed Nov. 28, 1923, Wil-

mington, sailed Oregon, Cardiganshire, Bell.

**SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Ruth**

Alexander, San Francisco. Sailed Naha, Port

Roku, Japan, Dec. 12, Tacoma, Tri-

mountain, San Francisco.

**TRINIDAD, Dec. 18.—Arrived:**

Admiral Rogers, southbound.

**BELLINGHAM, Dec. 18.—Arrived:**

Curtis, Port Angeles, Victoria, Wil-

mington, Port Angeles, Victoria, Wil-

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**.85** and **.1.35**  
Children's Felt Strap Slippers,  
with soft leather soles; many  
colors to choose from and  
ample stocks of sizes, from  
infants' 4 to misses' 2. At, a  
pair **.85**  
Children's Felt High Cut  
Cavalier Slippers, with soft  
chamois leather soles, dainty  
and durable; fawn, wine and  
Alice blue. All sizes **.85**



**Gifts for the Home in the Carpet  
and Drapery Department**

We list here just a few of the  
numerous gifts on special dis-  
play—  
Tientsin Rug, 3 ft. x 6 ft. an  
fine four grade rug in a typi-  
cal Chinese design; tan and  
blue **.85** and **.1.95**  
English Sheepskin Rugs,  
large size; shades olive green,  
golden brown and red. At,  
each **.85** and **.25-50**  
Axminster Rugs, 36 x 63  
inches, extra heavy quality in  
several fine designs, **.13-90**  
Velvet Rugs, 3 ft. x 6 ft. in  
fine selections **.87-90**  
Axminster Rugs, 27 x 54  
inches, in rich, deep pile. At,  
each **.85** and **.25-50**  
Wilton Rugs, 24 x 64 inches.  
Special value, each **.85** and **.1.95**  
Carpets, Combination Game  
Rooms, 57 games, 71-piece equip-  
ment **.85** and **.25-50**  
Swan Rocker, large and in attrac-  
tive coloring **.85** and **.25-50**  
Set of Cookie Moulds and Scoop,  
enamelled in various colors.  
Boxed **.50** and **.25-50**  
Nursery Rhyme Practical Cook-  
ing Sets, of pure aluminum. Like  
mother's **.95** to **.25-50**  
Plain Lido, each **.85** and **.25-50**  
Ludo, each **.25**, **.25**, **.50**  
Royal Lido, each **.50**  
Trip to the Moon, each **.85** and **.1.75**  
Halma, complete, **.50** and **.75**  
Snakes and Ladders, **.25**, **.35**  
Ups and Downs, each, **.25**  
and **.50**  
Checkers, Boards, **.25**, **.35**  
and **.50**  
Checkers, **.15** and **.25**  
Dominoes, a set, **.35** and **.50**  
Puzzle Compendium, at **.95**  
and **.1.25**  
Ouija Boards, each **.85**  
Treasure Island, each **.85**  
Drums, **.25**, **.35**, **.50**, **.75**,  
**.85**, **.1.75** and **.2.75**  
Trumpets, **.15**, **.25**, **.50**,  
**.75** and **.95**  
Saxophones, **.25** and **.50**  
Musical Boxes, **.15**, **.35**, **.75**  
Violins, **.75** and **.1.50**  
Harp, **.50** and **.1.25**  
Guitars and Banjos, **.35**, **.65**  
and **.85**



**NEWS FROM TOYLAND**

La Velle Little Laundress, in-  
cludes wash tub, board, pegs and  
stand. A big value in a big  
box **.85**  
Swan Rocker, large and in attrac-  
tive coloring **.85** and **.25-50**  
Set of Cookie Moulds and Scoop,  
enamelled in various colors.  
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Violins, **.75** and **.1.50**  
Harp, **.50** and **.1.25**  
Guitars and Banjos, **.35**, **.65**  
and **.85**

**Lunch and  
Tea Room**

On the Third Floor, will  
be open Friday, Saturday  
and Monday evening till  
7 o'clock.



**WOMEN'S GLOVES**

Women's Suedette Gloves, of excellent weight  
and quality; two dome clasps, in regulation wrist  
length. A glove that washes well. Excellent  
value, a pair **.85**  
Women's Chamois Suede Gloves, excellent fit-  
ting and with silk embroidered backs. All wanted  
shades. A pair **.85**  
Women's Washable Gauntlet Gloves, of fine  
quality. They have strap wrist fastener and  
embroidered backs and deep cuffs; grey, brown,  
tan, sand, beaver and black. A pair **.85**  
Suede Fabric Gauntlet Gloves, in the newest  
styles with wide flare, reversible cuffs in  
embroidered effects; plain and contrasting colors  
with two-tone embroidery; brown, chamois, mode and grey. At <